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1. WE FINALLY MET WITH DR. NAVARATNAM JUNE 23 TO DISCUSS
THE PEMADAM ADVISOR. WE HAD MENTIONED THE IDEA OF PERIODIC
CONSULTATIONS OVER A TWO-YEAR PERIOD TO NAVARATNAM OVER THE
PHONE EARLIER IN THE WEEK AND HE HAD A CHANCE TO DISCUSS THE
IDEA WITH DEPUTY HOME AFFAIRS MINISTER RAIS YATIM BEFORE MEETING
WITH EMBOFF. NAVA SAID THAT RAIS HAS NO OBJECTIONS TO THE PERIODIC
CONSULTATIONS IDEA AND THAT THIS WOULD FIT IN WITH THE GOM
CONCEPT OF A USG-SPONSORED ADVISOR TO PEMADAM. NAVA DID SAY,
THOUGH, THAT THE ADVISOR SHOULD PLAN TO SPEND A LONGISH TIME
AT THE BEGINNING OF THE CONSULTATION,PERHAPS UP TO FOUR MONTHS IF
POSSIBLE.

2. RAIS AND NAVA SEE THE ADVISOR AS SOMEONE WHO WOULD HAVE AN
OFFICE AT PEMADAM HEADQUARTERS. HE WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR
ADVICE AND DIRECTION ON THE WHOLE RANGE OF PEMANDAM AFFAIRS,
ALTHOUGH HE WOULD HAVE A SPECIAL MANDATE TO HELP SET UP ONE
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OR MORE HALF-WAY HOUSES OR DAY CARE CENTERS, DEPENDING ON HIS
AND PEMADAM'S ANALYSIS OF WHAT IS REQUIRED AND FEASIBLE GIVEN
THE GOM'S OWN ACTIVITIES IN THIS FIELD. (SEE REFTEL F FOR MORE
DETAILS ON THE GOM'S VIEWS ON THE ADVISOR.)

3. WE SHOULD POINT OUT THAT RAIS YATIM WILL NOT BE RUNNING FOR
PARLIAMENT IN THE COMING JULY 8 ELECTION, BUT WILL PROBABLY BE

NAMED THE CHIEF MINISTER OF THE STATE OF NEGRI SEMBILAN (REFTEL A).
ALTHOUGH NAVA THOUGHT THAT RAIS MIGHT WANT TO RETAIN HIS POSITION
AS HEAD OF THE ACTION UNIT OF THE CABINET COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS
CONTROL (SEREMBAN, THE CAPITAL OF NEGRI SEMBILAN, IS ONLY ONE
HOUR FROM KL BY CAR), WE DO NOT THINK THIS IS LIKELY. ANOTHER
DEPUTY MINISTER THUS WULL PROBABLY TAKE OVER AS HEAD OF THE
ACTION UNIT. WHILE THIS SHOULD NOT AFFECT THE PEMANDAM ADVISOR
(NAVARATNAM EXPECTS TO KEEP HIS POSITION AS LIAISON WITH FOREIGN
GOVERNMENTS), WE SHOULD PROBALLY WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE ELECTIONS
BEFORE PROCEEDING ONAN EXCHANGE OF NOTES.

4. IF RAIS DOES GIVE UP HIS NARCOTICS CONTROL FUNCTIONS, THIS
WILL ALSO AFFECT HIS PROPOSED TRIP TO THE U.S. (REFTELS C AND D).
WE WILL ADDRESS THIS PROBLEM AFTER THE ELECTIONS TOO.
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